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"Providing security and services to improve the quality of life for our residents."

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON November 10, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kennedy, Kenow, McDermid and Timmermann were present at roll call.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES – October 13, 2025: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting October 13, 2025.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES – October 13, 2025: The Board reviewed the minutes from Executive Session Meeting October 13, 2025.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented and keep them sealed. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve the agenda as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Attorney Terry Bruckert, Clerk Morris, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Deimeke and were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and Zoning Administrator Brendel were absent, their absences were excused. Chief Vielweber and Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann were on-scene at a waterline repair; their absences were excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Madi Wuebbels, resident and Central High School student, was in attendance to observe per a civics class requirement. Dave Wellen and Brian Wuebbels, residents, were in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer had nothing to report.

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Cliff Behrmann, Sean Kennedy, Kevin Kenow, Mike McDermid and Jeff Timmermann

Brenda Morris - Village Clerk

Brian Vielweber - Police Chief

Cindy Hubert - Village Treasurer

Blake Deimeke - Streets & Lighting Superintendent

Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator

Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent



POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann had nothing to report.

Police Chief's Report - Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber was on-scene at a waterline repair; his absence was excused.

WATER & SEWER AND TECHNOLOGY - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that Clearwave Fiber started installing fiber in the Village of Albers.

Kenow presented the Right of Way Agreement between the Village of Albers and Clearwave Fiber for review and approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Right of Way Agreement between the Village of Albers and Clearwave Fiber. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried. Kenow directed the Clerk to file the signed agreement at the Clinton County Courthouse.

Kenow updated the Board that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Engineering Plan is being submitted on behalf of the Village of Albers by Curry & Associates Engineers, noting that all information requested from the Village of Albers for the plan has been submitted.

Kenow updated the Board that sewer pond daily readings are being recorded and show improvement, including decreasing odors and increasing oxygen levels.

Kenow noted the sewer plant testing equipment has been installed and is operational. Results from testing will provide better information to address and improve pond maintenance. Superintendent Deimeke is building an enclosure to protect the equipment.

Kenow updated the Board on Village of Albers participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. The network consolidates efforts during emergency situations with other local and state departments in the event that mutual aid is needed.

Kenow asked anyone requiring assistance updating to new email addresses to please contact him as soon as possible as officials are transferring to @albersil.org addresses.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, his absence was excused. Kenow reported -9.42% water gain for October with a -5.03% loss year to date.

Kenow presented a bid for updating meter reading from touch-reading to radio-reading. He asked the Board to review the bid and noted that the update will be discussed at upcoming committee meetings.

Kenow updated the Board that Superintendent Horstmann is scheduling the tank inspection.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid updated the Board a current contract has been signed with Homefield Energy at a rate of \$0.11948/kWh. The Village of Albers entered into the electrical aggregation contract on behalf of all residents, authorizing Homefield Energy as the electric supplier for all residential accounts. McDermid recommends residents remain with Homefield Energy as current rates are lower than AmerenIL. Residents may opt-out of the program by contacting AmerenIL or Homefield Energy. McDermid referred to a letter sent to residents concerning the rates update reminding all residents to remain vigilant when managing their residential account and asked all residents to contact him or Village Hall with any questions.

McDermid presented the Ordinance #624-11102025, 2027 Tax Levy, for final review and vote.

McDermid noted that there has been no increase in the Village of Albers tax levy for eleven years. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #624-11102025, 2027 Tax Levy. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried. McDermid directed the Clerk to file the signed agreement at the Clinton County Courthouse.

McDermid updated the Board on the Lookingglass Ambulance District, noting the independent ambulance district includes Albers, Damiansville, New Baden and Lookingglass Township. McDermid noted that the ambulance district is opening a checking account and is in the process of setting up operations.

McDermid noted no updates from Lookingglass Ambulance District and asked subject be removed from future agendas, as the Lookingglass Ambulance District is an independent district and fully operational.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$219,789.24. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert was absent; her absence was excused. McDermid presented the Treasurer's Report in Treasurer Hubert's absence. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Sean Kennedy Chairman: Kennedy reported the updated zoning map is being prepared by HMG Engineers at a total cost of \$500.00 and asked the Board to approve the update. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kennedy to approve paying HMG Engineers \$500.00 for updating the current zoning map. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, her absence was excused.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is currently on hold and grant funding for the project is expected.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Blake Deimeke: Superintendent Deimeke reported street sweeping is complete.

Superintendent Deimeke reported approximately half of the curbing on Debra Drive has been replaced and he's working on completing the project in the near future.

Superintendent Deimeke updated the Board that he is winterizing the park.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker announced the Illinois America250 Commemoration will be celebrating the United States' upcoming anniversary in 2026 and that the Village of Albers will be participating in the celebration. Updates on the celebration will be shared as plans are complete.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100.00 donation to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans from the tourism fund. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk